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# TOWN OF DERRY



**ANNUAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2005**



# TOWN OFFICERS

## Town Council

John P. Dowd, Chair  
Councilor-at-Large  
(2007)

Phyllis Katsakiores  
District #1  
(2006)

R. Christopher Reisdorf  
District #2  
(2007)

Beverly Ferrante  
District #3  
(2008)

Brian Chirichiello  
Councilor District #4  
(2007)

Craig W. Bulkley  
Councilor-at-Large  
(2008)

James P. MacEachern  
Councilor-at-Large  
(2006)

## Treasurer

Rita Correia  
(2007)

## Town Clerk

Marjorie Swanson  
(2007)

## Moderator

Margaret Ives  
(2006)

## Supervisors of the Checklist

Peter J. Correia  
(2008)

Mayland P. Lewis  
(2010)

Michael A. Relf  
(2006)

## Derry Public Library Trustees

Marilyn Sullivan  
(2008)  
T. J. Paton  
(2008)  
Paul H. Loffler  
(2008)

Joan Paduchowski  
(2007)  
Katherine Prudhomme-Obrien  
(2007)

Norma Sabella  
(2006)  
Phyllis D. Howard  
(2006)

## Taylor Library Trustees

Edward Ciancio  
(2008)  
Betsy D. Wolfe  
(2008)

Pamela Otis  
(2006)

Candace Andrews  
(2007)  
Ben Hamblett  
(2007)

## Trustees of Trust Funds

Mario Iannaccone  
(2008)

Michael Gill  
(2007)

Grant G. Benson, Jr.  
(2006)



# TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Russell R. Marcoux, Town Administrator

### HUMAN SERVICES

Patricia Raimo  
Administrator

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Larry Budreau  
Director

### IT/GIS

Douglas Rathburn  
Manager

### Cable

Barbara Ellingwood  
Administrator

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Frank Childs, Chief Financial Officer

Patricia Milone, Tax Collector

David N. Gomez, Assessor

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Edward B. Garone, Chief

George Feole, Capt.

Vern Thomas, Capt.

Marlene Bishop, Animal Control Officer

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

George Klauber, Chief

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

George Sioras, Director

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Michael Fowler, Director

Thomas Carrier, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

Alan Côté, Superintendent of Operations

Eric Bodenrader, Parks and Recreation

Robert Mackey, Code Enforcement/Health Officer

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chief George Klauber, Director



# TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## PLANNING BOARD

David Nelson (2007)	John Burtis (2008)	Ann Evans, Sec. (2006)
Virginia Roach (2007)	David MacPherson (2008)	Neal Ochs (2006)
Brian Chirichiello Council Representative	Carl Accardo Town Administrator Designee	George Klauber Administrative Rep.

### *Alternates*

Richard Tripp (2008)	Dennis A. Toombs (2006)	Ting Chang (2007)
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## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Mark D. Wiseman, Chair (2007)	Andrew Myers (2008)	Matthew Campanella (2006)
Allan D. Virr (2007)	Cecile Cormier (2008)	

### *Alternates*

Randall Chase (2008)	Nancy Barbour (2006)	Linda Quinn (2007)
Christopher Lunetta (2008)		Michael DeMeo (2007)

## HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alan Cote, Public Works	Grant Benson, Jr., Chair, 1 <sup>st</sup> member-at-large
Chief Edward B. Garone, Police	Tom Caron, 2 <sup>nd</sup> member-at-large
Michael Gagnon, Fire	Randall Chase, 3 <sup>rd</sup> member-at-large
Jane Landry, School	Timothy Sharretts, 4 <sup>th</sup> member-at-large
	Michael Gill, 5 <sup>th</sup> member-at-large
	John Gleason, 6 <sup>th</sup> member-at-large

## DERRY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Scott Slattery, Executive Director  
Betty Hartwell, Secretary

### *Board of Commissioners*

J. Leonard Sweeney III (2006)	Jon R. Frederick (2007)	Frederick A. Tompkins (2008)
David Milz (2009)	Thomas G. Hosey (2010)	

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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Albert Doolittle (2008)	Paul Dionne, Chair (2006)	William Hoyt (2007)
John Dooney (2008)	Allen Grinnell (2006)	Margaret Ives (2007)
	Dennis Wiley (2006)	

*Alternates*

Eleanor Sarcione (2007)	James Arruda (2008)	Maryann Page (2006)
Margaret Kinsella (2006)	Beverly Ferrante Council Representative	

**HERITAGE COMMISSION**

Ralph Bonner, V. Chair (2008)	Richard Holmes, Chair (2007)	Phyllis Katsakiores Council Representative
Rebecca Rutter, Sec. (2008)	Janice Rioux (2007)	

*Alternates*

Bill Petch (2008)	Marjorie Palmer (2006)	Marion R. Pounder (2007)
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**SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION**

David Gomez (2008)	Cheri Crawford (2008)	Brian Chirichiello (2008)	Joel Olbricht (2008)
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*Alternates*

Jack Dowd (2008)	Beverly Ferrante (2008)
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## TOWN OF DERRY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES

Town Council  
Town Administrator  
Assessing  
Community Cable TV  
Community Development Department  
Conservation Commission  
Derry Public Library

### **Derry Fire Department**

Ambulance Services  
Dispatch Services  
Emergency Management

Finance Department  
Heritage Commission  
Highway Safety Committee  
Housing & Redevelopment  
Human Resources  
Human Services  
I T / GIS  
Planning Board

### **Police Department**

Animal Control

### **Public Works**

Code Enforcement/Building/Zoning/Health  
Transfer Station  
Vehicle Maintenance  
Parks & Recreation  
Highway  
Cemetery  
Buildings & Grounds  
Water Division  
Wastewater Division

Supervisor of the Checklist  
Tax Collector  
Taylor Library  
Town Clerk  
Treasurer  
Zoning Board of Adjustment



## TOWN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2005 has been an exciting year for the Town of Derry.

It has been a tremendous honor to serve the Town as your Councilor at Large. It has also been a pleasure to serve with this Council, who has worked very hard to do what is best for the community of Derry and for that I would like to thank them all for the respectful and professional manner in which we have conducted the town's business.

It has now been more than a year since Russell Marcoux has been on board as the Town Administrator. The selection of Mr. Marcoux as the Derry Administrator has been one of this Council's greatest accomplishment in the past year.

Mr. Marcoux has not only increased the quality and delivery of services to the Town but has also raised the level of professionalism among the staff. His management team is second to none in the State of New Hampshire. Derry is quickly becoming a model for many of the smaller communities surrounding us and in the State of New Hampshire.

There have been many accomplishments over the past year, none of which would have been possible without the leadership of our department managers and the dedication and commitment of our town employees. On behalf of the Town Council, I would also like to thank all of you.

With the Council's direction and Mr. Marcoux's leadership, we set some very lofty goals for this past year. The top priorities of the Council were to continue to support and grow our economic development effort, to support the widening of the I-93 project and to put an all out effort to get final approval of the Exit 4-A project before the widening of I-93 passes by Derry.

The Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) project called "Ash Street Corporate Park", has been highly successful. The four lot development was originally targeted for full build out in five years. We are now eighteen months into it and we have two buildings already under construction and should be occupied this winter or early spring. The largest lot now has a signed Letter of Intent and should be sold very soon. This development will eventually offset close to a million dollars of residential taxes. The Derry Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) and the Council are presently considering two more sites for future TIF's.

Progress on Exit 4-A is moving along very well, thanks to the efforts of this Council and a very supportive relationship with the Londonderry Town Council. The project has also received positive support from the 14-town Regional



Economic Development effort of Southern New Hampshire Planning, New Hampshire Departments of Transportation and Environmental Services, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Governor and the Governors' Council have also been working very closely with the towns and have provided much support and encouragement.

The vote by the residents of East Derry to combine the two Fire Districts in town is the culmination of a 35 year struggle. I must commend the three Fire Commissioners, Mr. David McPherson, Mr. David Milz and Mr. Paul Dionne for there dedication to helping to better the entire community of Derry.

The revitalization of the downtown has been a project that is moving a little slower, but in a positive direction. We have seen new restaurants, a bakery and a few other retail businesses start up. The number one issue is still parking. Even though we have identified 1200+ spaces, they are not well marked and we need to address this issue. The Council has started a joint effort with the Derry Economic Development Corp. and the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority to strategically plan how we attack the growth of downtown. The Council and the Planning Board have also been meeting jointly to identify where we need to improve zoning and updating the Growth Management Ordinance as well as continuing to work towards the implementation of our Master Plan.

The most rewarding part of this past year was to see the number of people who stepped forward to volunteer their time and services for the many positions on the various boards that make up the fabric of the town. On behalf of the citizens of Derry and the Town Council - **THANK YOU**.

Finally, I would like to thank the citizens of Derry for their support and I look forward to serving you, both on the Council and in Concord as a State Representative.

Respectfully,

*Jack Dowd*

Jack Dowd  
Town Council Chair





## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Along with the end of fiscal year 2005, comes the end of my first year as Derry's Town Administrator. This year has been filled with many exciting projects and events. To name a few: reorganization of our town government, the consolidation of the East Derry and Derry Fire Districts, settlement of seven labor contracts, the closure of Upper Village Hall and decision to look for a suitable new owner, the sale of the first lot at Ash Street Corporate Park and the hiring of some new Department Managers. It has been usually my custom to leave the reporting of the many accomplishments in the various departments to Department Managers who have overseen their respective projects, and once again, I leave that task in their capable hands. The Town Council, with its new Chair, John P. Dowd, will similarly report on their progress.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to make a few observations about this great community and what I have seen as its strengths. It is very obvious as you take an objective tour of the community and see the infrastructure in place, that there is incredible energy in this community and its government. Much of the credit for these accomplishments goes not only to the Town Council, Department Managers, and staff but to you, the citizens who support the efforts of your government. Just take a look at our WEB page: [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org) for not only very informative information, but the latest edition of our "virtual" WEB page which is used to best describe the great attributes of Derry. In order to succeed with those accomplishments, it takes a supportive Council, a dedicated, professional and forward thinking staff plus a community willing and committed to moving forward. It is obvious that has all been in place.

There is clearly a strong sense of commitment, an incredible amount of community spirit, a high level of volunteerism along with a strong desire to move forward. Your Town Council Chair's report outlines the many accomplishments of this past year. We look forward to working together to make Derry, N. H. a "destination community" in the future. We have been working with the Greater Manchester Chamber, the Greater Derry Chamber and area communities to blend together a regional approach to good government and services. This Fall will see a new marketing program in the downtown, replete with wonderful, attractive banners, which are sponsored by our town's businesses, which depict some of historical buildings and new "Welcome to Derry" signs which have been manufactured by the Department of Corrections.

We already have in place strong, cooperative relationships with many groups, and look forward to continuing to work with the Derry Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) to attract strong, healthy businesses to Derry to increase our tax base and economy. Our downtown area has already achieved significant improvements, and we look forward to more involvement of our downtown



merchants and new and inviting businesses that will help to revitalize of our downtown area. The opportunities here are exciting and will take the cooperation of the business community, property owners, organizations and town to make this happen. I have no doubt that in time, we will all be proud of our gateway into Derry.

In any community, you would want a strong relationship between the town and school. I am happy to report that Dr. Moody, our School Superintendent and I have worked together on many initiatives. Both of our Boards have also met to discuss issues of mutual interest. Our Council, also this year, invited elected representatives of all area communities to meet together to discuss some of the same issues of mutual concern. That as well was very productive. I am also pleased to report that there is a very high level of professionalism in your town government. Our employees are committed to quality service. You should also take great pride in your Municipal Center, the services offered, your cable capabilities and the space it provides for community meetings. It, along with the Derry Municipal Court building, is a focal point to your downtown landscape.

Speaking of the professionalism in your town government, this year two new individuals joined our organization in existing management positions: Michael Fowler became the new Director of Public Works, and Lawrence Budreau joined our organization as the new Director of Human Resources and Administration. Both have already made a major impact in our organization & have added to the high level of professionalism already in place in our management organization.

If you have any positive suggestions on how to make your local government more productive and ideas on how to improve our quality of life, feel free to contact us. You may even want to consider volunteering to serve in some capacity in your community. I look forward to working with the many local groups in town in order to provide our community with the best services available. We look forward to the coming year and the many challenges and opportunities facing this great town. I can't help but close with the same quote I used last year: *"The only way to reach your long-range goals is through surviving your short-range objectives."* As we move forward we need to remember that *"the road to success is always under construction."* I will add a quote from Margaret Mead that I picked up in our travels this year: *"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."* Being positive about your community and participating in its success has a much greater impact on its bottom line than finances alone. Thank you for making us very welcome in this great community.

Respectfully,

*Russell R. Marcoux*

Town Administrator



# ANNUAL REPORT

## ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

### JULY 1, 2004 TO JUNE 30, 2005

We continued to recommend to the Board of Assessors that annual assessment updates be conducted as the data may indicate. As most everyone is aware, over the past three years the real estate market, in particular, continues to be, as of this writing, very vibrant in Derry, and the rest of the State. We have seen some signs of a slow down, and a leveling off of prices, but overall properties are still selling. As a result, we have recommended to the Board of Assessors that the Department be allowed to revise assessed values, Townwide, for all land assessments for Tax Year beginning **April 1, 2005**. As of this writing, and through the budget discussions in May 2005, the Board had been given the information as to the need. The Board of Assessors has chosen not to go forward with an assessment update for tax year 2005 beginning April 1. Their decision was based primarily on the Town's need to prepare for the State Department of Revenue Administration's (DRA) Assessment Review process to be conducted for the 2005 tax year. The Board has therefore decided to conduct a Town wide Reassessment update effective for April 1, 2006.

Our recommendations to the Board of Assessors are a result of our continuous efforts to study the Real Estate Market. As is the case the market is always in a state of change. We need to continue to keep our assessed values in line with that market activity according to State Law, the State Constitution, and new Assessment Standards being developed by the State Assessment Standards Board. The 2006 Town wide Reassessment will assure that the Town of Derry meets all Assessing Standards and Guidelines per DRA's review in 2006.

We must continue our regular program of assessment updates, and the plan is to recommend to the Board of Assessors (Town Council) that we reinstate this program in tax year 2007 and forward. This process is crucial to the well being of the Town, not only from the individual taxpayers prospective, but also from the overall fiscal health of the Town. It assures that no one taxpayer will pay more than their fair share of the property tax burden in the Town of Derry.

Our statistical testing demonstrates, and confirms that the real estate market in Derry, as with the immediate region and the State, continues to be very strong and vibrant, as reported above. Since April 1, 2004 most classes of property continue to experience a rise in market value at approximately 10% per year, that trend continues in Derry through April 1, 2005.

The State Department of Revenue Administration indicates through their sales to assessment ratio study for 2004 that the Town's overall level of assessed value to market value was 81% (for 2003 it was 76.9%). We anticipate that the town's overall sales to assessment ratio will be lower in 2005 as a result of the healthy real estate market (anticipated to be 77% or less).

The Department of Revenue Administration's study also indicates the co-efficient of dispersion (C.O.D.) to be 8.8% for the tax year 2004 (10.8% for 2003). This C.O.D. is considered to be in the 'excellent' range, for tax year 2004. Tax year 2005 will be measured independently of prior years performance. The C.O.D. measures uniformity in assessments through ratio studies. It indicates the measure of appraisal uniformity that is independent of the level of appraisal (ratio) and permits direct comparisons between various property groups (like and other properties). Any decision to conduct reassessment updates must consider this number above all others. If the C.O.D. approaches the 15% to 20% range, this would be unacceptable. Please see letter and 3-page chart from the DRA dated March 14, 2003.

The Town's total net taxable valuation, upon which the tax rate was set for Tax Year 2004 was \$2,266,304,525 (2003 was \$1,790,833,943), and the tax rate(s) were: Derry Fire District \$25.19/1,000



of assessed value and East Derry Fire Precinct \$27.35/1,000 of assessed value. The Derry Fire District's net taxable valuation for 2003 was \$1,182,062,143. East Derry Fire Precincts' net taxable assessed valuation for 2003 was \$608,771,800. The estimated Net Taxable assessed value for 2005, will be approximately \$2,417,600,000.

Due to the Derry Fire District and East Derry Fire Precinct consolidation efforts this past Spring, there will no longer be the need to report separate Fire District data in the future. This change will affect the tax rate, and therefore the tax each East Derry Fire Precinct property owner will pay in the future will show as a consolidated rate within the Town portion of the total rate.

As always, I thank my staff for a job well done. They are Ms. Barbara Chapman, Deputy Assessor; Ms. Geraldine LaPlume, Secretary; Ms. Susan Conroy, Secretary; Ms. Margo Ryan, Assessing Clerk. Also, my thanks and sincere appreciation is extended to the following: Other Town Departments; our Consultants for the heavy amount of field work they complete; and to the State of New Hampshire, DRA for their support through the school funding issues.

My staff and I wish to thank the public for their assistance, understanding and patience. Here's looking forward to a very healthy and productive Fiscal Year 2004 (Tax Year 2003).

Respectfully Submitted,  
David N. Gomez, CMA, CNHA  
Assessor  
August 11, 2005





## DERRY COMMUNITY TELEVISION, CABLE 17

2005 marks our 15<sup>th</sup> year serving the residents of Derry as Derry's PEG Access Station. Our programs are as diverse as the community itself.

The station provides, through the efforts of our Government Access Media Operators (GAMO's) 'live' coverage of all government meetings, keeping the community informed about ongoing town issues. The station provides 'live' coverage of many public town events, (Derryfest, Concerts in the Park, Annual Parades)... increasing community awareness and encouraging community pride. Daily amateur programs of different interests produced by local residents provide an entertaining and lighter side to C-17 programming. The Community Bulletin Board is an ongoing source of Public Service Announcements from local non-profit organizations... Our programs are as diverse as the community itself.

Studio productions include: Eye on Health with Dr. Jerry Spindel, Capital Chat with Phyllis and Pat, Alliance For Derry Taxpayers, and Coffee Hour with Jamie just to name a few..... Other programming 'bicycled' from other communities includes Talk About Pets, from the Bedford Humane Society; Time For Pets by the Salem Humane Society, church services provided by, St. Luke's Church, Trinity Assembly of God and In Search of The Lord's Way. Other programs include, NASA-TV, PA Magazine, produced by Pinkerton students and Health Partners, from the Southern NH Medicine Center. The station operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With each new year, comes new technology. This year through the efforts of Chris Martin, Audio/Video Systems Technician, and Sean Fichera, Computer Support Technician, the Aavelin was put into operation. This system provides the capability to post ongoing highway, health and other public safety information as well as school and church cancellations on our channel. Another improvement this year was the upgrade of 3 cameras in the Cable Truck which are used for offsite productions. Improvements that were made in the Control Room in the meeting room were 3 audio mixers, an additional robotic camera, and an upgrade to the Character Generator (CG). With each new improvement we are striving to provide quality programming and ways to keep our community well informed... emphasizing *Community* in Derry Community Television, This is your station, your studio.

In closing I would like to thank those volunteers who have helped throughout the year with the parades, the all day telecast at Derryfest, as well as those productions in the studio. If you would like to learn more about Derry Community Television, C-17 you may reach us at 425-2031 or email us at [Derryctv@ci.derry.nh.us](mailto:Derryctv@ci.derry.nh.us). We are located in the lower level of the Derry Municipal Center.

Respectfully Submitted

*Barb Ellingwood*

Station Administrator

Derry Community Television, C-17



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FY2005

Fiscal Year 2005 activity remained steady for the department. Our ongoing efforts to be a business friendly community has seen positive results as several new commercial businesses have opened throughout town with more anticipated in the coming year. Additionally, many commercial and retail properties and buildings are undergoing renovations and make-overs which are attractively transforming many areas of town. Our office worked closely with the Town Administrator and the Derry Economic Development Corporation on a Request For Proposal for the redevelopment of the old Station 1 Firehouse on East Broadway which will see the station become a restaurant with a firehouse theme thus preserving both a part of Derry's history as well as contributing to the town's on-going downtown revitalization efforts. We also worked closely with officials from CVS and Walgreens pharmacies who both will be opening new stores in the near future! We also, along with the Town Administrator and the DEDC, have been working closely with company officials from Sanmina Corporation and Wal-Mart on the redevelopment of both the Sanmina property on Manchester Road and the potential of a Super Wal-Mart store on a portion of that property, including working with the Public Works Department on future road improvements.

The most significant economic development project this past year has been the successful creation of the Ash Street Corporate Park with the completion of a new road, water and sewer extensions, and "pad" ready sites. At the very end of this fiscal year two site plans were being prepared to go before the Planning Board for an 18,000 s.f. manufacturing facility and a 28,000 s.f. industrial condominium building. Our office worked closely with the Public Works Department and the DEDC to see this project become a reality. I would like to especially thank the Public Works Department, and in particular Mark L'Heureux, who was the weekly contact person and overall project manager for his efforts, as well Mike Fowler, Cheri Crawford, Sublime Engineering, and Valentine and Scanlon Real Estate, for their assistance.

Our office continued to provide staff assistance to several Planning Board subcommittees working on new architectural design review regulations, both an open-space subdivision regulation and a 55 and older Adult Housing ordinance as well as zoning amendments to the sign ordinance, floodplain maps, and commercial districts. We also participated on the School Department's Re-Districting Committee as well as provide staff assistance to the Beaver Lake Watershed Committee in their efforts to secure a grant for the creation of a watershed protection plan. We also finished up work on the Senior Center feasibility grant.

We continue to participate as a member of the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation and were active this past year on regional economic development initiatives with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and remained active with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and the Regional Transportation Council of Community Health Services.

Finally, I've had the pleasure to work on two new committees this past year; the Land Advisory Committee and the Shute's Corner Fire Station Building Committee. With the Land Advisory Committee many hours were spent with dedicated individuals



who reviewed parcels of land for potential future purchase for open space, recreation, and economic development.

We acknowledge that there was healthy agreement and disagreement on some of the recommended parcels for purchase! However, if some are purchased they will greatly assist in the town's efforts to preserve open space, add additional recreational facilities, and help in expanding the town's tax base.

The department has been participating with the Fire Department's building committee and has gained great insight into the logistics of locating, building, designing, and planning for a new facility and how the process involves a team approach and touches upon several municipal departments' participation and relates to the town's future long-term growth. Also, Mike Doyle's pizza party was an added bonus!

Finally, as part of the staff support to the Planning Board, I would like to thank all of the Planning Board members for their continued support and assistance. I would like to thank Dave Nelson for his help during the past year as chairman and welcome aboard our first time new chairperson Ginny Roach and Vice-chairman Neil Ochs. I also want to acknowledge and thank Jeanne Owen in my office for keeping all the planning duties on track and thanks to other town departments, particularly Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Fire Prevention for their cooperation and assistance. We strive to better serve the community in a professional, prompt manner.

Respectfully submitted,

George H. Sioras  
Director



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2005 was another full year for the Conservation Commission. In 2004, we received a grant award of approximately \$70,000.00 from the Land and water Conservation Fund for the ninety-nine acre Caras parcel in the Beaver Lake watershed. The Council appointed the Land Advisory Committee, of which I am a member, also recommended protection of this important piece of property. The Commission is contributing \$500,000.00 of the purchase price from the Land Protection Fund. We are also currently working with a land owner in town to purchase their property, which is approximately 70 acres. In addition, two land owners have approached us about keeping their properties undeveloped, and we are in the process of finalizing those projects, in the form of development rights purchases.

Site walks were conducted all twelve months of the year, despite the cold, wet winter months, the cold wet spring and the hot humid summer. Engineered plans are quite detailed, but only two dimensional. Viewing a site truly gives you the, "lay of the land."

The popularity of the community garden plots at Broadview Farm Conservation Area on Young Rd remains strong. Phil Ferdinando remains as a true steward of the property, continuing to maintain the hay meadow for us. In return, we allow him to plant silage corn, further improving the soil quality in the fields, as well as giving him space to grow feed corn for his cattle.

Last December, habitat improvement projects were completed at both Broadview and the Shepard Family Conservation Area. With the help of John Brown and Sons heavy clearing equipment, we improved habitat in the old farm fields of both locations by eradicating invasive plants that had over run portions of both pieces.

Elections were held in May: Paul Dionne, Chairman; John Dooney, Vice Chairman; Bill Hoyt, Secretary; Margaret Ives, Treasurer. Regular members include Albert Doolittle and Dennis Wiley. Alternates are Eleanor Sarcione and Peg Kinsella, as well as new members Marianne Page and James Arruda. Beverly Ferrante remained our Council representative, and continues to be a strong voice for conservation issues in town. Alan Grinnell, a regular member for several years, found it necessary to resign in May. I wish Alan all the best in the future and enjoyed working with him during his time on the Commission.

Margaret Ives and I continue as members of the Open Space Zoning Ordinance sub-committee with members of the Planning Board and Public Works Dep't. A public hearing with the Council was held in early September, and it was sent back with suggested amendments. If ratified, it will be another toll for planning and water shed protection in town.

Our meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They are held in the third floor meeting room at the Municipal Center. They are open to the public and we encourage your attendance. The meetings are also broadcast live on channel 17.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Derry Conservation Commission,

Paul Dionne, Chairman





## DERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*“It was necessary that the library should have a name, and as it belongs to the town of Derry, all the people of the town being alike entitled to share in its benefits, we could think of none more appropriate than the one adopted, The Derry Public Library.”*

With this statement we came into being and six months later the report of the librarian had this to say about the use of the library:

*“With twelve hundred books we have had a circulation of nearly ten thousand.”*  
*Town Reports 1906*

For years the Derry Public Library has been a stand-alone operation. We've been focused inward and have been going about the task of providing the major portion of our library services in-house. It has worked well for 100 years and has taken us through two expansions. During that time the community changed from an agriculture-based community to a manufacturing based community, and now we are very much a mobile, suburban community. With 84.9 % of us commuting a mean travel time of 31.1 minutes, there is more traffic, more demands, and fewer opportunities for leisure pursuits. Overall, this means we have less time to access more and more information. The demand this creates is also accompanied by an ever shrinking dollar. How can we continue to be a vital part of this community and serve our multigenerational on-the-move-population? Realizing the impossibility of trying to be all things to all people we've sought to solve this by partnering with other departments within the town and other organizations. This has expanded not only our services but also access to their expertise.

The year began with a cooperative effort among three departments, Highway, Recreation and the Library, to get the driveway behind the library paved and landscaped. The area had been a source of many problems over the fifteen years since the library addition had been constructed. It would wash out in heavy rain, the public would use it to gain access to the park with motorized vehicles and it was an eyesore. By having each department shoulder a portion of the cost or provide the labor, the task was completed with great success. Without this cooperation we would still have the dusty eyesore we've had for fifteen years.

Our children's librarian has worked closely with the Recreation Department to provide story times, sing-alongs, and activities for youngsters at the “Very Derry” holiday celebration. School visits and parent's night, plus story times at Hood Park are other joint ventures that help us get the word out about learning opportunities at the Library.

The Derry History Museum and the library continue to work cooperatively not only to ensure that the history of the town will be preserved but also that there will be continued access to that information and those artifacts. The Museum and the Library have developed a formalized, signed, cooperative agreement stating the procedures for sharing donated material and cooperating on research and displays.



A small off-site storage area at the Municipal Center has been granted to us by the archives manager. This will allow us to keep some duplicate historical material at the Municipal Center for safekeeping should a disaster befall the library building.

We are transformed every holiday into a twinkling winter wonderland thanks to the creative lighting efforts of the Recreation Department and the unfailing dedication of the Derry Rotary Club in hanging our wreaths.

In October, our webmaster gave our website a facelift and it has received a little nip and tuck every month since. The site is very sophisticated and easily navigable. It is very friendly to those of us that are technologically challenged. From it you can access a page just for kids with everything from resources for parents, kid's books and upcoming programs. The teen page has teen magazines listed along with community resources available for teens and web sites of interest. There are lists of search engines, web sites by topic and an enhanced card catalog that includes book summaries and reviews. All of this is all available 24/7; whether we are open or not. The online databases are especially important to hysterical parents and students who cannot get to our physical site to do their homework.

The Technical Services area of the building underwent a huge renovation in December. In addition to new paint and carpet, four stations received a new workspace that included file cabinets, work surfaces and storage.

To accommodate the upgrade in our consortium-wide GMILCS system we upgraded all of the communications wiring to category 5, allowing greater capacity at higher speed.

During our creative brainstorming to develop a program for this our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration we began to realize the importance of the occasion. All felt the focus should not only reflect our history but our long range plan for the future as well. Hence the theme of "Honoring the past...Preparing for the future" will guide us toward the celebration events on August 10, 2005.

The Library Board of Trustees meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. The public is welcome and minutes of the meeting are available at the library. With the reelection of incumbent board members Marilyn Sullivan and Paul Loffler, T.J. Paton is the new member of our Board, joining Joan Paduchowski, Norma Sabella, Katherine Prudhomme, and Phyllis Howard. This is a dedicated group of volunteers who, according to NH state law, cannot accept money for their services.

Here is how we look by the numbers:

Library card holders...22,249

Total number of items circulated...216,337

Annual patron visits...150,940

Total reference questions answered...13,742

Total internet use...12,663

Cheryl Lynch  
Director, Derry Public Library



**Annual Report - FY 2005**  
**Derry Fire Department**  
**Ambulance Service**  
**Dispatch Services**  
**Office of Emergency Management**

The Derry Fire Department along with the Town had a historic event occur this year when the East Derry fire Precinct voted to dissolve and consolidate with the Derry Fire Department. The last five months of the year were filled with many meeting both internal and with the Town and District to finalize all consolidation plans. The consolidation was finalized and occurred at 12:01 am on July 1, 2005.

Also this year the Town sold the fire station located on West Broadway that had operated continually as a fire station since 1898. The station was sold to a local family that intends to remodel and operate a pub and grill at the station. The building will remain as a fire station in character.

On behalf of the Town of Derry and the Derry Fire Department I want to thank retired Battalion Chief Michael Tabor for his twenty –seven years of service and leadership to our fire department. Chief tabor retired as the senior Battalion Chief and played an instrumental role throughout the fire department consolidation. We all wish Mike and his family well on his retirement. The Derry Fire Department had Fire Fighter Mark Sheehan retire after twenty five years of service to the Town We all wish Mark and his family well on his retirement. Their experience and dedication to the Town and Fire Department will certainly be missed.

Congratulations to Brett Scholbe on his assignment as Director of Communications and Dispatch and Michael Scott on his assignment as Director of Fire Prevention. Both have shown a great deal of enthusiasm for their new positions. BC John Webb was recognized as the Derry VFW's firefighter of the year for 2005.

Derry Fire hired three new employees this year. Charles “Chuck” Hemeon took over the vacant position as the Department’s Director of Emergency Medical Services. Chuck brings with him over 25 years of EMS and management experience. The Department also hired Fire Fighter/Paramedic Robert Atwater and Fire Fighter/Paramedic Joshua Saucier. We welcome them and wish them a long and safe career.

The Derry Fire Department partnered with a local non-profit group to establish a regional health and safety council. The Greater Derry Area Health and Safety Council established an



office in the Municipal Center and began working under the direction of the Office of emergency management.

## **FIRE, AMBULANCE, EMERGENCY DISPATCH and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Derry Fire Department is a full service fire department that provides emergency services and protection from fire, natural and manmade disasters, and medical emergencies. It provides these services through four integrated and related areas within the Department – Fire, EMS, Emergency Management and Emergency Dispatch.

The Derry Fire Department provides fire protection through education, enforcement and suppression activities. We respond from three fire stations located throughout the Town and Administrative and Code Enforcement offices located in the Municipal Center.

### **Ambulance**

The Ambulance service is a leader in the region in providing the best patient care. The Department continues to be one of only twelve nationally accredited Fire Department-Based Ambulance Service in the nation. The Department currently provides emergency medical services from both the Central station and Station One with three ambulances and a trained staff that includes twenty-four advanced life support trained Paramedics on staff including at least one paramedic on each apparatus and ambulance that is in service. This level of service allows the Department to send several Paramedics to the scene of a patient that is critically ill or injured. Our Paramedics continue to expand their role to incorporate the latest in life-saving techniques and tools.

The Department purchased and placed into service a new ambulance this year. The ambulance will be added to the current fleet of three ambulances. This will allow the Department to place and put an ambulance into service from the Derry Station Two on Warner Hill Road. The ambulance will be staffed with personnel assigned to Engine Two and will be utilized as a fourth ambulance when required.

The Department's Bike Medic team continues to be active at public events. This specialized medical team can access medical emergencies more effectively in public gatherings, parades and events that are located in remote locations (such as bike paths).

The Department continues to be active with its injury prevention programs. We are an official child passenger safety seat fitting station, we provide bike safety helmets (free or at minimal cost), offer a fall prevention program for the elderly, and participate in snowmobile and ATV safety classes.





Derry Fire Ambulance Service is an integral part of the coordination and development of State Emergency Medical Services. We currently have department personnel involved in State coordinating and development committees to better statewide programs and services.

### **Emergency Dispatch**

The Communications Division of the Fire Department dispatches fire and ambulance calls throughout the Greater Derry area. They provide dispatch services for not only for Derry Fire and Derry Ambulance and four other communities, Windham, Auburn, Chester, Hampstead, and the Hazardous Material District.

Our communications personnel have completed the second level of NFPA standard training and will complete the advanced level training next spring. Last year the communications center handled more than 3771 emergency calls in 2004/05. The Department applied for and received a substantial grant through Homeland Securities and the Fire Act grant in 2004/5 which allowed the Department to upgrade and replace the dispatching equipment. The Dispatch Center, located at the Central Station, was entirely renovated and increased in size by 300%. This allowed the new equipment to be placed into a modern, safe and secure facility. The communications equipment and dispatch equipment will allow the Department to meet the increasing demand for services in Derry and the communities we serve. The grant also allowed the Department to complete alarm and dispatch wiring projects that now include all Derry Fire stations. Another benefit of the dispatch upgrade is the purchase and installation of a redundant dispatch system that will allow us to operate from the Municipal Center should any emergency require us to vacate the Dispatch Center.

The Department also received new mobile radios that were installed in all apparatus and vehicles. The equipment was made available through a State grant at a minimal cost to the Town.

### **Fire**

The Department continued to maintain a level of service that was at or above prior year's levels. During the year staffing was increased from a minimum of eleven staff on duty each shift to a maximum of fourteen. In 2005/6 the staffing levels will increase to 18 per shift with the consolidation of the two fire departments. This will provide a higher level of service and the less frequent use of recalls to staff apparatus that was occurring multiple times daily. The end result will be a better and more reliable service.

Capital projects were completed that included: remodeling of Station Two bathroom for unisex and ADA compliance, removal of an underground fuel tank at Central Station, the removal and replacement of the administration trailer at Central Station, and the painting of the



interior and exterior of Central Station and the painting of the interior of Station Two's apparatus bays..

## **Emergency Management**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) made additional improvements at the Town's Emergency Operations Center, which is located at the Municipal Center. Upgrades include computer equipment including, incident management tools, and new weather/storm monitoring equipment.

The OEM along with the Planning Department completed a town-wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Plan was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and adopted by the Town Council. The plan has also been updated to include recent hazard possibilities, such as a smallpox outbreak response.

The OEM continued the development Citizens Corp Council. The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

The Citizen Corps mission is accomplished through a national network of state, local, and tribal Citizen Corps Councils. These Councils build on community strengths to implement the Citizen Corps programs and will carry out a local strategy to have every American participate. The OEM will work diligently in 2006 to recruit and train volunteers for the Citizens Corp.

Our ability to meet increases in service demands remains strong. We take pride in the Department's capabilities and response personnel to handle all potential incidents or emergencies. The professionalism and dedication of our personnel is truly invaluable.  
Respectfully,

George Klauber, Fire Chief

Derry Fire Department



# DERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT and AMBULANCE SERVICE

<b><i>Fire and Rescue Responses</i></b>	2247	<b><i>EMS Responses</i></b>	2842	
		Patients Transported	1986	
Structure	54	Derry	2314	
Vehicle	16	Auburn	149	
Brush	23	Chester	125	
Alarm call no fire	289	Other communities	65	
Hazardous Condition	129	Refusing transport	90	
Good Intent	122			
Service Call	435	Auburn 500 Chester 533 Derry 3069 EDFD 755 Hampstead 667		
Rescue – extrication, water, etc.	31			
Medical - Engine with Ambulance	1235			
Mutual Aid Given	31			
Mutual Aid Received	24			
<b><i>Permits</i></b>		<b><i>Prevention Activity</i></b>		
Burning permits Derry East Derry	3069 755	Bike Medic Details	4	
Assembly permits	56	Bicycle Helmet donations	12	
Blasting permits	8	Child Car seat installs	250	
Plans Reviewed	170	Elderly Facility visits	4	
		Health fairs	4	
<b><i>Inspections</i></b>		Fire Station tours	50	
Commercial Occupancy	35	Fire Extinguisher training	8	
Residential Occupancy	565	General Public Safety Programs	12	
Other Occupancy	12			
Oil Burner	75			
Gas Burner	397			
Wood stove/fireplace	5			



## FINANCE DIVISION

The conclusion of Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 gives the Town two years “under its belt” with the MUNIS financial management software system. Employees, as well as elected officials, continue to adapt well to the system and have become more proficient users of its capabilities, allowing them to maximize the power of the system in their respective Town operations.

As in the past, additional division activity focused on: continued provision of financial services, information and training to other Town departments; further refinement in the reporting of quarterly financial information to the Finance Committee, the Town Council and the Citizens of Derry; and working with users of the MUNIS system to insure more consistent recording of information across the Town. There were no bonds issued during FY 2005.

The overall FY 2006 budget process again went very smoothly, including the learning process of the Town’s budget for the new Town Administrator. The Chief Financial Officer reviewed all budgets with Town departments, followed by meetings with the Town Administrator’s budget review team before the overall budget was submitted to the Town Administrator for his consideration with department heads. Subsequent meetings with the Town Administrator’s budget review team and the various department heads were held to reach consensus on the budget that was then presented to the Town Council.

The Town’s finances continue to be in excellent shape, under girded by a healthy fund balance. While the audit of FY 2005 is currently underway as I write this report, it is expected that fund balance will increase as a result of prudent operations during FY 2005. I am again pleased to report that the Town’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30 2004 (FY 2004) was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and has been achieved by the department for a number of years.

In the pages that follow, you will find financial information related to FY 2004 and FY 2005, as well as budget information for FY 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank L. Childs*

Chief Financial Officer





## HERITAGE COMMISSION

The mission of the Derry Heritage Commission is to touch the future by preserving the past. This past year, a great deal of our efforts centered around the new Museum of Derry Heritage, located in the lower level of the Benjamin Adams Memorial Building on Broadway. The museum is an ever-changing “work in progress”. We are always pleased to accept donations of historic pictures, artifacts, and memorabilia relating to Derry. Just as importantly, we are always eager to welcome visitors to the museum, which is open on Thursdays and Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and at other times by appointment. Admission is always free of charge.

This year the commission received many new artifacts through gifts and purchase. Among the most important were a baby carriage from the 1880’s that descended in the Angell family of Derry Village, a huge collection of glass negatives showing Derry in the 1890’s from the families of the late Henry Shepard and George Grinnell, and a large collection of memorabilia from the East Derry Fire District and the East Derry Improvement Society.

As in years past, the commission had the opportunity to advise the Town Council and other town departments on various aspects of Derry heritage, as well as helping individual citizens with questions on their homes, family genealogy, and other aspects of community history. In addition, part of the commission’s charge is to help spread the word about how truly historic is our town. Toward that end we have pushed publicity this year. Locally, we have had articles on our town’s history in the Derry News, Nutfield News, Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Boston Globe, Manchester Union Leader, and Foster’s Daily Democrat, as well as stories on WDER-radio, WNDS-TV, WGIR-TV, and Community Access Channel 17. Nationally, aspects of Derry’s history have been reported on CNN’s “Crossfire with Tucker Carlson,” and in the Los Angeles Times and USA Today. Internationally pieces on Derry’s history have been featured in the pages of the London Guardian, programs on the British Broadcasting Corporation, and several radio shows in Ireland and Ulster. In addition, the Heritage Commission was involved in the publishing of *Derry Revisited*, a pictorial history of the town, as well as an informational pamphlet on Derry. We were also very excited to be able to produce a series of color post cards of Derry historical sites, which are currently available for sale. Next year our main project will involve the restoration of the Forest Hill Cemetery gate.

The commission would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to those who have helped us this past year. Special thanks go out to Barbara Ellingwood for promoting the museum on the Community Access Station, Douglas Rathburn, Derry’s IT/GIS specialist, George Sioras in Community Development, Alan Cote in Public Works, Town Clerk Marjorie Swanson, and Town Administrators Russ Marcoux and James Turse – all of who have supported and helped to further our mission. We are especially grateful to Phyllis Katsakiores, for the active and highly effective role that she has played as our Town Council Representative. Thanks are due to The Derry News, for running a series of weekly articles on the town’s history. We appreciate their commitment to Derry’s heritage. And of course, we express our sincere gratitude to the museum volunteers Bertha MacDougall, Stephen Brown, Benjamin Hamblett and Brian Buckley, as well as Ron Robinson and his crew of custodians, Tom, Marissa, and Bill, all of whom have been so generous with their time and talents in helping to keep the museum running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Holmes,  
Chairman



## DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Derry Highway Safety committee was originally conceived to provide a means to access State and Federal funds for safety needs of the Town. The Committee started in the late 1960's and received funds for ambulances, police vehicles, radar units and many more worthwhile projects that have funneled into the Town of Derry by the Committee.

The Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 9:00am at the Derry Municipal Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 207. The public is welcome to attend any meeting. All safety requests must be submitted in writing and forms may be obtained at the Derry Municipal Center.

The Committee is comprised of Citizens and Department Heads. Derry Police Chief Edward Garone, Derry Fire Department Chief George Klauber, East Derry Fire Department Chief John Nadeau, Department of Public Works Alan Cote, and Jane Landry from the School Department. Appointees are: Grant Benson Jr., Chairman, Tom Caron, Randall Chase, Tim Sharretts, Michael Gill, and John Gleason – a new member. Sharon Trenholm is our Secretary.

This past year the Committee has had many requests for Stop, Yield, Slow, Slow Children, No Parking, Intersection Ahead, Speed Limit, and 4-way stop signs. We also had requests for crosswalks and the trimming of brush. No Trucking was requested on Elm Street. Out of 2389 vehicles only 27 were commercial vehicles. Chester Road from the rotary to Birchwood Nursing became a two hour parking zone as well as Thornton Street from Chester Road to East Derry Road.

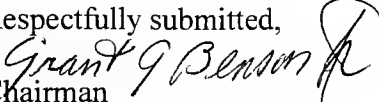
Double parking on West Broadway by Daren's and Tokyo Joe's was a problem as well as the crosswalks in the same area. The Derry Village Rotary came up again as the rotary is so small that it is very hard to get into the circle and motorists will not yield to cars coming into it.

A couple of developments on Island Pond Road wanted 18ft roads instead of 24ft, 8% slopes instead of 6%, no curbing instead of granite curbs, sidewalks, and cul-de-sac's. All were accepted eventually.

Two hour parking was posted on Manning Street by the Granary. One parking space was eliminated on West Broadway on the easterly side of the exit from the Marion Gerrish Community Center. The construction of CVS and Walgreens came before us with very few problems or requests. All in all it's been a pretty good year.

I wish to thank all Departments for their assistance this past year. Again, we are looking forward to working with you again next year.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chairman



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Fiscal year 2005 was an exciting year at the Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority. The beginning of the year saw the Authority receive high performer status from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on our bi-annual management assessment from the federal government referred to as our SEMAP (Section 8 Management and Assessment Profile) score. The SEMAP Certification is a measure of the fiscal solvency, management, leasing, reporting, fair housing, quality control and overall governance of a public housing authority. Derry Housing earned a perfect score of 130 out of a possible 130 available points to earn the designation. The Authority continues to successfully manage our housing choice voucher program, formerly known as Section 8 by providing housing assistance payments to 100 families and individuals here in Derry.

The spring showed a change in the Board of Commissioner's structure and hierarchy by the Town of Derry's appointment of entirely new panel of six commissioners. Sadly, 2005 saw the end of terms for many long-term commissioners including Arthur "Bud" Evans ten years of service to the Board. Several years of service from Jim Barton, Mary Noonan, Grant Benson and Fred Love also ended in 2005. The Authority is indebted to these individuals for their time and service to the organization and the residents we serve. The Authority has a new Board of Commissioners led by chairperson, Jon Frederick, Vice Chairperson Fred Tompkins, Treasurer Tom Hosey and commissioners David Milz, J.L. Sweeney and Ray Ainsworth who have generously donated their time and professional skills for the advancement of the Authority and our various programs.

Derry Housing and Redevelopment Authority have continued with our Peabody Road development improvements by replacing older, inefficient appliances and replacing old windows with new thermal efficient ones. The Authority is moving ahead with a proposed expansion of our Peabody Road development and hopes to present our plans to the town by the end of 2005. Additionally, the Authority continues with upgrades to our facilities at 12 Peabody Road and other locations.

Most recently, the Authority has purchased two parcels of land from Charles "Bill" Ermer at 1 & 2 Central Court in Derry where we are currently working collaboratively with the town of Derry and other area agencies on developing the most appropriate plan for this area of downtown that has such great potential. It is the intention of the Authority to redevelop this area in the best interest of the entire Derry community.

With a new Board of Commissioners in place and several great ideas for redevelopment, fiscal year 2006 is shaping up to be another exciting year for the Authority, our residents and the entire community of Derry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Slattery  
Executive Director



## Human Resources Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2005

The Human Resources Department strives to ensure that Town jobs are staffed effectively, that employees have meaningful, enjoyable and challenging career opportunities and that personnel administration activities are timely and accurate. The Department supports the administration of seven union contracts, provides recruiting assistance to Town departments, maintains personnel records, advises managers as required regarding the employment relationship and assists employees however possible.

FY05 was a significant year in the Human Resources arena:

- Six union contracts were negotiated and ratified. All expire on June 30, 2007. They include AFSCME Local # 1801 Administrative Support Staff, AFSCME Local 1801 Public Works, IBPO Local 565 Police Officers, IAFF Local 4392 Firefighters, IAFF Local 4392 Fire Officers and SEIU Local 1984 Professional, Administrative & Technical Employees.
- Additionally, the Town negotiated with SEIU Local 1984 Police Supervisors to modify and extend their current contract an additional year so that all seven collective bargaining agreements will expire in 2007.
- All seven agreements now provide employees a choice between two health plans and a uniform approach to employee premium sharing. Additionally, a Joint Labor-Management Health Plan Committee was convened to study the Town's health plans and consider the possibility of consolidating to a single plan that would minimize administrative cost and meet the needs of all participants.
- FY05 saw leadership changes within the Town's organization. Russell Marcoux, Town Administrator, Michael Fowler, P.E., Director of Public Works and Lawrence Budreau, Director, Human Resources and Administration joined the Town's management ranks.
- Town staffing increased by five positions (five transferred East Derry Firefighters), additionally, eighteen replacement employees were hired in FY05.

Respectfully submitted,

*Larry Budreau*

Larry Budreau  
Director, Human Resources & Administration





## HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Service Department voucher payments have continued to increase this year due primarily to the high demand for mortgage and rental assistance. Many local apartment rates are well over \$1000/month. It remains very difficult to locate *any* “affordable housing” in the Derry area.

Senior citizens and persons with disabilities who live on fixed incomes are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their standard of living. Our office receives hundreds of calls each year from people who are unable to survive independently. Unfortunately, every senior complex in town is full and all have very long wait lists. The Derry Housing Authority still has about a two year wait as well and The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority has a three to five year wait list.

Homeless and at-risk of homelessness has been steady this year. Our policy is to assist each person individually to maintain their homes or apartments. Shelter space is very limited and available on a first come first serve basis. Low cost temporary housing is also limited since we compete with other area towns that have similar problems. Most of the at-risk clients are Derry residents; with approximately 15% from other towns and States.

The good news is that we have managed to receive steady lien reimbursements in the past eight months. Since interest rates just rose again, and the cost of fuel oil continues to rise I anticipate a difficult winter ahead.

Our Holiday program was a huge success! Thanks to the generosity of the community and all of our volunteers, we were able to assist 155 families. Among some of our special supporters, we would like to thank Fleet Bank and their employees, The Derry/Salem Elks and Jack Webb for their donations and deliveries of food baskets, The Professional Firefighters Association who enjoy the art of shopping, Anna Ludwig and all of the Wal-Mart employees, The First Parish Church, The Eagles Club, The Halcyon Club, and to all the Town Employees who adopted families. We would also like to thank all of the individuals and businesses who took children’s ornaments off of our “Giving Tree” located in the Municipal Center. Without all of your help and support our job would be a lot more difficult. Again, thank you for all of your time and generous donations.

**Homegoods** continues to donate on a regular basis, and **Hannaford Super Market** has continued their food donations, for which we continue to be grateful. The Greater Derry Track Club donates food weekly, which helps to keep our food pantry stocked. We would like to offer very special thanks to all of those who participated in the “Summer Fun Runs”. I hear this year was the best ever! We continue to operate a personal care pantry for Derry residents in acute need. This service is available on a monthly basis for those who do not qualify or have access to other programs.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia Raimo  
Human Services Administrator



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Once again 2005 proved to be another busy year for the IT/GIS Department.

The IT Department currently supports and maintains over 100 computers as well as multiple local (LAN) and wide area networks (WAN).

The most recent addition to our WAN has been the Fordway facilities. We utilized wireless access points as well as high speed point to point SDSL connections to complete this project.

We are now in the final three year rotation of our computer leasing program. Already this method of acquiring computers has proven to be beneficial. The decrease in time spent repairing older equipment as well as licensing updates and maintenance have allowed staff to focus attentions elsewhere. Negating the need to eliminate outdated equipment from our inventory will be another benefit that will finally realized this year. The process of preparing these items for auction has always been a time consuming endeavor with a majority of these items ultimately being disposed of. All town computers are now purchased through this three year lease program.

Network security has been at the forefront of our concerns. Spam as well as spy ware have become major issues in any network environment. To combat these threats we have installed spam/virus filtering as well as spy ware blocking hardware appliances at the head-end of our network. These tools have been a real boon to increasing productivity as well as decreasing the administrative costs usually associated with these threats. An example; 83% of all email processed our mail server was of the spam/virus variety.

The latest application implementation, Recware, is slated to go live September 1<sup>st</sup> 2005. This will allow our recreation departments to more efficiently manage ongoing programs and events. Online registration will soon to follow.

## GIS TECHNOLOGY

On the GIS front once again the majority of our time was spent on updates and additions to our mapping files. The tax maps have been refined from the prior year and are finally in the format we have been striving for the past three years. Derry is one of the only communities in New Hampshire utilizing tax maps in full color format.

We have also begun the transition to our new assessing software, Vision. This should prove to be a very exciting change for all departments as the new software has a GIS module that fully integrates into our assessing records.

The upcoming year will hold many changes in the way our GIS functions. We will be upgrading our entire GIS engine to ArcSDE as well as adding multiple applications seats to various departments. ArcSDE will also allow us to offer online GIS services to the public.

Respectfully,  
Doug Rathburn  
IT/GIS Manager



## **Derry Planning Board Annual Report**

Fiscal Year 2005 was a challenging and busy year for the Derry Planning Board. In addition to the regular work of subdivision plan review and site plan review, the Planning Board has been engaged in revisions to the Land Development Control Regulations and to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board reviewed 16 subdivision applications, resulting in 49 new lots and reviewed 7 major site plan applications for new businesses. The Planning Board held 29 meetings during the past year. Please refer to the report of the Community Development Department for additional details.

In its planning role, the Planning Board has forwarded six zoning revisions to the Derry Town Council this past year. These amendments to the Zoning Ordinances included: (i) amendment to the sign and billboard language with respect to electronic signs; (ii) amendment to the Office Business District by increasing the size of retail space from 300 to 1,000 ft.; (iii) amendment to MHDR and MDR districts, by rezoning property from one district to another; (iv) amendment to Article IX – Conservation Overlay District, Section 165-71; (v) amendment to the Article VII – Floodplain, to accept and adopt the revised FEMA Study and FIRM Maps; and (vi) amendment to create a new Article XIX, Section 165-145 / 55+ Independent Adult Community district.

The Planning Board has also held workshops and put the finishing touches on Open Space Development and Architectural Design Regulations and both of these will be before the Town Council this coming year. The Planning Board will also have a challenging year next year during which time it will be reviewing and updating the Growth Management; further reviewing the signs and billboards ordinance and updating it to include newer technology in electronic signage; reviewing the current MHDR district and discussing the need for multiple districts within this district; and working with the Conservation Commission with respect to buffering areas and types of plantings which should be used.

In closing, I would like to thank the board members who volunteer their time in service to the Town, the Town Administrator and Town department staff, particularly in the Community Development, Public Works and GIS departments, who provide the board with valued support and technical assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Roach  
Chair, Derry Planning Board



## **DERRY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2005**

The Derry Police Department is currently staffed by 77 people that include two animal control employees.

We are currently at our approved sworn officer allotment of 60 officers. That figure provides the community a police officer to citizen ratio of 1.68 officers per 1000 residents. The 1.68 officers per 1000 residents is slightly lower than our stated goal of 1.9 officers per 1000 residents. As you can see, the Town still needs to recruit and hire additional officers to meet that goal.

A long time member of the department, Lt. William Newman retired in July 2004 after serving the community for 23 years.

As a result Sgt. Keith Moreau was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He is currently serving as a patrol bureau shift commander in the Operations Division. Lt. Steven Inserra was reassigned and is currently serving as the investigations bureau commander in the Operations Division. Officer Jon Breen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is currently assigned as a patrol supervisor in the Operations Division.

During fiscal year 2005, the department hired three patrol officers to fill existing vacancies as well as the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Newman. Officer Peter Houlis, Officer Kevin Conway and Officer Christopher Talbot were all hired on August 23, 2004. All three officers attended the Police Academy in Concord, graduating November 19, 2004. The officers have completed the required field training and are now assigned to various shifts in the patrol bureau.

In October of 2004, the department hired Jess Arcand to work as a dispatcher. He is currently assigned to the patrol bureau in the Operations Division and is working a split shift assignment covering the 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM shift and the 11:00 PM – 7:00 AM shift.

In February of 2005 the department hired Kenneth Smith to fill a vacant evidence clerk position. Mr. Smith brings over 25 years of experience working as a police officer and evidence officer with the Metropolitan Police Department in London, England to his position.

The Police Department continued the Victim/Witness Advocate program. Our advocate works closely with the department's prosecutor assisting victims/witnesses throughout the process of reporting a crime through the prosecution phase. This position was partially funded through a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Justice. In FY 06 the department will assume responsibility for future funding of the position.

Furthering our efforts to combat domestic violence we created a domestic violence team. The team consists of three patrolmen, one detective, the victim/witness advocate and a sergeant. The domestic violence team was established to take a more aggressive approach to investigating domestic violence incidents and to provide a higher level of service to victims in these matters. The team has been well received by the community





and other helping agencies. Members of the team have received specialized training to help them provide the highest level of service to the community.

The Police Department continues to maintain a presence on the Internet. Department logs are posted and updated weekly. The web page has expanded greatly since last year. In addition to crime and traffic statistics, yearly reports and links to related sites, we now have a page devoted to educating citizens about fraud. The Fraud page provides information on everything from how to avoid becoming a victim and recognition of fraud to how to report a fraud if you do become a victim. We also added a link for citizens to access the State of NH sex offender registry. Lastly, an improved comments page has been added. The public can use this page to let us know how we're doing or leave a tip about a crime. Please visit the site by accessing it from the Town's Main Page [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org) or directly at [www.derrynhpolice.com](http://www.derrynhpolice.com) your comments and feedback are welcome.

In FY 05 we leased 11 new vehicles, to include two SUV's for our marked patrol fleet. We took that opportunity to redesign our cruiser markings. Our marked police cars had the same striping scheme for more than twenty-six years. The officers themselves researched alternative striping packages and selected the current red/blue/black pattern which is enhanced with reflective bordering. The change, which amounts to a "facelift" for our most visible police assets, has been warmly welcomed by the community.

Several officers attended the I-Safe America Professional Development Program which certifies them as Program Leaders and Classroom Instructors. The I-Safe program uses education, youth empowerment, and Community awareness to bring a message of Internet safety to children in grades 1 – 12. Our community relations efforts will be enhanced as we begin to educate both children and adults about internet safety.

The attached crime statistics show that our activity level continues to increase. During calendar year 2004, we received 28,180 requests for police service which represents 14% increase over the previous year. The number of arrests or summonses increased dramatically over the previous year. The number of arrests, 1906 represents a 21% increase from 1576 during 2003 and 1465 in 2002. The total number of crime reports increased by again approximately 12% to 4,643 as compared to 4,134 in 2003.

We continue to apply for funding from the State to fund our OHRV enforcement efforts. During FY 05 we used grant funding to place our two four wheeled vehicles into service on the Rockingham Trail to conduct OHRV enforcement. The program was well received by neighbors of the trail and others who used the trail. The comments from users were that they believed the trails were much safer for bicyclists, horseback riders and hikers as a result of our efforts.

We also applied for and received grant funding for the enforcement of underage drinking laws. We used the funds to conduct compliance checks of licensed establishments in our community. Our goal is to identify stores that are not using adequate procedures to keep under aged persons from acquiring alcoholic beverages.

During FY 05 we began working more closely with the Derry School District, Superintendent's office to formulate an updated safety plan to be used in all of the



schools in the district. We have identified areas where we can enhance security in the schools and the District is taking the necessary steps to accomplish those changes.

A detective who had been working on the Attorney General’s Drug Task Force has returned to Derry PD at the conclusion of that assignment. Our narcotics enforcement efforts have benefited greatly as a result of the officer’s assignment to that task force. The drug unit has been able to pursue more leads into drug cases with the returning member. The enhanced success of the unit was immediately noticeable.

We continue our efforts to implement bicycle patrols during the warmer months, During FY 05 we trained five new bicycle patrol officers and acquired three new bicycles in preparation for this summer’s demand for bike patrols on the bike path and the downtown areas.

The department continues to staff the Animal Control Bureau with two full time animal control officers. These officers within the community, provide various educational functions, manage an adoption program for animals as well as maintain our animal control facility.

<b>Calls Received</b>	<b>1562</b>	<b>Dogs picked up</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Livestock at large</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Dogs taken to rescues</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Wildlife p/up live</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Dogs Euthanized</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Animals Picked up Deceased</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>Dog Bites</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Written Warnings Issued</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Nuisance Abatements Issued</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Summons Issued</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Fines/Fees</b>	<b>\$4936.00</b>

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DPW built a new door at the kennel to access the rear of the pound. This will be a big help for accessing the pens for cleaning in the winter time.

Animal Control in conjunction with the Recreation dept held the first annual Rabies Clinic down at the pound with great success despite inclement weather.

This past fiscal year, the Animal Control Bureau received 1562 requests for service. Those calls resulted with 144 dogs being picked up this year compared to approximately 264 last fiscal year.

We investigated 24 dog bite incidents this past year compared with 15 in the previous year.



Although their primary function has to do with canines, we have had the occasion to deal with many varieties of animals during the previous year. The gamut includes, but not limited to, hawks, cormorant, deer, raccoons, skunks and an occasional moose. The bureau works closely with the NH Fish and Game department to relocate some of the animals encountered.

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward B. Garone*

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Chief of Police



# Derry Police Department

## Activity Totals

<b>Group A Offenses Reported</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Difference Prev yr</b>
Arson	28	28	31	29	32	36	46	27	11	-59.26%
Assaults	650	556	566	572	695	757	688	476	581	22.06%
Burglary	211	206	186	205	159	188	163	123	145	17.89%
Drugs	129	102	93	93	124	127	141	133	165	24.06%
Forgery	11	14	18	11	20	19	24	28	25	-10.71%
Fraud	19	17	14	19	30	57	120	115	174	51.30%
Homicide	1	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	100.00%
Kidnapping	16	12	11	7	13	12	12	12	22	83.33%
Robbery	16	11	12	11	12	12	5	3	11	266.67%
Sex Assaults	24	38	38	36	43	51	94	40	67	67.50%
Stolen Property	14	34	26	27	38	27	33	38	54	42.11%
Theft	658	657	554	596	548	697	530	562	531	-5.52%
Vandalism	535	564	449	498	599	535	682	813	825	1.48%
Vehicle Theft	139	131	126	101	122	111	79	98	89	-9.18%
Weapons Violations	19	19	11	15	16	18	6	11	18	63.64%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2470</b>	<b>2391</b>	<b>2137</b>	<b>2224</b>	<b>2453</b>	<b>2648</b>	<b>2623</b>	<b>2479</b>	<b>2719</b>	<b>9.68%</b>
<b>Group B Offenses Reported</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	
All Other Offenses	591	811	773	694	781	791	703	1053	1254	19.09%
Bad Checks	15	45	29	25	48	19	10	19	25	31.58%
Disorderly Conduct	25	14	25	24	35	34	20	23	25	8.70%
Influence	181	136	147	146	139	186	150	133	130	-2.26%
Family Offenses	11	1	32	30	47	41	40	31	21	-32.26%
Intoxication	132	124	128	101	125	117	131	95	122	28.42%
Liquor Law Violations	87	83	57	59	77	75	95	187	199	6.42%
Runaways	86	115	184	146	154	115	74	68	77	13.24%
Trespassing	30	30	28	56	67	70	78	78	71	-8.97%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>1907</b>	<b>1403</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>1481</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>1924</b>	<b>16.25%</b>
<b>Total Group A and B</b>	<b>3628</b>	<b>4298</b>	<b>3540</b>	<b>3505</b>	<b>3934</b>	<b>4096</b>	<b>3924</b>	<b>4134</b>	<b>4643</b>	<b>12.31%</b>





# Derry Police Department

## Activity Totals

Activity	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Difference Prev yr
Incidents Logged	22982	21146	21598	21543	25467	25804	26151	24546	28180	14.80%
Arrests/Summonses	1354	1627	1330	1330	1635	1441	1465	1576	1906	20.94%
Traffic	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
MV Accidents	873	879	842	948	1004	976	876	842	895	6.29%
Total MV Stops	6770	5726	5461	6112	8379	8603	10465	9072	11375	25.39%
MV Summonses	1511	1183	1542	1329	1916	1816	1623	1470	2002	36.19%
MV Warnings	5300	3901	4526	4783	6463	6787	8842	7933	8958	12.92%
Parking Tickets	814	697	1142	762	1208	1712	900	1329	737	-44.54%



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department continued to provide a wide range of services in a cost-effective manner to the residents of Derry. The Department has expanded over the past year, Code Enforcement and Parks & Recreation have been merged into the Department of Public Works although no new employees were added to accomplish the merger. The “new” DPW performs the traditional activities such as snow plowing, highway maintenance, and water distribution along with building permits and park maintenance. These activities require a diversified and talented work force. The individuals working for the Department of Public Works are devoted to their jobs regardless of the weather or emergency circumstance.

The highlights of the Department’s nine (9) divisions are noted below:

### CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The past year has been a busy year for the Code Enforcement Division. Residential housing has continued at a modest rate. Commercial and industrial activity continues to be strong. A few large residential projects such as Chase Mill and Bunker Estates were permitted in Fiscal Year 2005, which should also keep the office extremely busy in the next year.

Inspections are conducted by the Code Enforcement office for everything from residential decks to large commercial and industrial buildings. The duties also include zoning compliance and responding to health related complaints and issues. Derry is a self inspecting Town regarding Food Service Establishments, meaning that they must be licensed yearly and inspected at least twice yearly. Code Enforcement is also in charge of transporting rabies suspected animals to the State Health Department for testing.



**OFFICE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR  
TOWN OF DERRY, 14 MANNING ST.  
PERMITS**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004/2005


TYPE OF PERMIT	NUMBER ISSUED	CONSTRUCTION COSTS	PERMIT FEES
Single Family	42	\$7,790,900.	\$62,466.00
Multi-Family	33 units	1,270,000.	25,021.00
Industrial	1	40,000.	245.00
Commercial	55	5,136,700.	27,121.00
Garages	38	1,116,475.	6,245.00
Swimming Pools	48	497,900.	1,670.00
Wells	29		725.00
Electrical	439	963,000.	8,698.10
Plumbing	140	518,400.	2,885.50
Utility Buildings	55	129,550.	1,410.00
Mobile Homes	10	526,000.	1,250.00
Raze	18		150.00
Signs	50		2,533.00
Additions/Remodeling	272	4,416,610.	22,745.00
Renewals	4		40.00
Masonry/Chimneys	9	8,600.	100.00
Failed & New Septics	104		5,000.00
Other Chase Mill	34 units	3,999,000.	16,100.00
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>\$26,413,135.</b>	<b>\$183,804.60</b>

**TOTAL REVENUES**

Permits..... 183,804.60  
Zoning fees.... 6,548.97  
Health fees.... 19,504.00  
Miscellaneous 300.00

**TOTAL \$210,157.57**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

  
**Robert S. Mackey**  
Code Enforcement Director



## TRANSFER STATION DIVISION

The Transfer Station continued its effort to provide cost-effective management of the Town's waste products. The Town of Derry is currently in the fourth year of a five year agreement with Maine Energy Recovery Corporation (MERC) for trash disposal. This agreement is serving the Town well as the per-ton rate is 15%-20% less than comparable communities.

The recycling rate was an exceptional 46% for FY05. Strong commodity prices for products such as metals, cardboard and newspaper were key factors in generating approximately \$361,000 in revenues. Resident participation in recycling efforts reduces the operational costs for the Transfer Station.

Two Household Hazardous Waste Days were conducted during FY05. As in past years, the fall date is held in Londonderry and the spring date is held in Derry. Residents from both communities may dispose of household wastes such as paint, solvents and many other products on either day.

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE DIVISION

The Vehicle Maintenance Division is responsible for management of the Department's vehicle and equipment fleet. The division acquired and equipped two new one-ton trucks, which will bolster the Highway Department's equipment during winter operations. The Vehicle Maintenance Division also refurbished several plows and other snow-fighting equipment.

The division is involved in preventative maintenance programs to extend the useful life of the Town's fleet. This winter season placed a heavy burden on the division.

## PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION

This past fiscal year, the Parks & Recreation Division remained focused and committed to improving and expanding the Town's park areas and offering quality and diverse recreation programs and activities.

The Humphrey Road Park has been renamed after Don Ball, the former Director, recognizing his 30+ years of service and incalculable contributions to the children of Derry.

The Department also executed two adopt-a-field initiatives this past year. The first collaboration involves the Derry Demons and the Wolverines football groups, who jointly adopted the new practice fields at the Don Ball Park. In exchange for priority of assignment, the groups installed field lights at the facility at a cost of \$32,761.40. Both groups also finalized plans with the Department to install a press box and permanent bleachers at the Game field at Don Ball Park. Construction began in June with completion date estimated in August 2005. The Derry Soccer Club also adopted the new





field behind Barka Elementary School, pledging financial support to maintain the field and possible irrigation installation in the foreseeable future. Thanks and recognition is extended to all of our athletic groups who continue to make significant contributions to improve the quality of our facilities and enhance recreational opportunities and experiences for all citizens.

The Recreation Division has taken steps towards updating office procedures through the RecWare software system, which will also provide citizens with the opportunity to register to programs online. The Department continued to offer additional community activities, taking over the Downtown Trick-or-Treat program and the Very Derry Holiday festivities, which included decorating the downtown for the holiday season. Participation in programs and activities continue to grow as more citizens become more actively involved in them and frequent our park areas

In closing, we would like to recognize the countless volunteers, coaches, businesses, clubs and civic organizations who work alongside us in order to provide the activities, special events, and improvements at our park locations. Their involvement and support is critical to the operation and enhances the quality of our programs and services.

## HIGHWAY DIVISION

The Derry Highway Division is responsible for maintaining 162 miles of roadways throughout the Town including drainage systems, signalizations, street signs and sidewalks. Roadway improvements in FY05 included the reclamation of 4.3 miles of roadway and pavement resurfacing on 3.6 miles of roadway.

The traffic signals at the intersection of Tsienneto Road and North Main Street were upgraded to a full 8 phase signal significantly improving the operation of this intersection.

The Collette's Grove Bridge was completed in November 2004. The structural components of the bridge and hydraulic capacity of the bridge were improved. This area had a long history of flooding over during extreme rain events.

The Abbott Court parking lot was rehabilitated and expanded to increase parking capacity in the Downtown area. New lights were also installed to improve the security of the lot. In addition, a new stairway connecting Abbott Court to Merchants Row was constructed.

The winter season was another one for the record books. The Public Works employees worked extremely long hours to keep Derry's roads safe for public travel and in spite of the large number of snow storms that were experienced. There were two emergency declarations, for storms on January 22-23 and March 12-13. The Town of Derry was able to recoup approximately \$115,000.00 from FEMA for these events.

The Highway Department continued to work on the federally mandated Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The entire stormwater collection system has been mapped and



the stenciling of catch basins throughout town has been a great success. Several groups including the Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, as well as individuals have volunteered to help mark catch basins to inform the public. The Public Works Department is striving to educate the residents of Derry on the importance of controlling pollution into the Town's streams, brooks, lakes, and wetlands, through the town's (storm water) drainage system.

## CEMETERY DIVISION

The Cemetery Division continues to push forward with a design for an expansion on the "Shepard" lot east of the oldest section of the cemetery. The sale of plots has continued at a steady pace. Without an expansion in the near future there could be a shortage of burial plots. The Town of Derry sold 76 lots this past year and had 81 burials. The Town Council, as Cemetery Trustees, continues to review and update the Cemeteries Policies and Procedures, which are available to the public at the Derry Municipal Center.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS DIVISION

The Buildings and Grounds Division maintains 4 municipal buildings and conducts annual audits at 22 additional Town facilities. Such audits review the mechanical facilities, safety issues, and ADA requirements.

A comprehensive infrastructure survey of the Upper Village Hall during the past year resulted in the Town Council making the difficult decision of closing the building and composing a Request for Proposals to liquidate the property.

In addition to regular maintenance, the Buildings and Grounds Division has been working diligently to improve the efficiency of the buildings under its jurisdiction in an effort to reduce the consumption of heating oil, natural gas, and electricity. These efforts have resulted in a dramatic reduction in energy consumption and significant savings to the Town.

## WATER DIVISION

Average annual Water usage for Derry's municipal water customers declined just over 1% to 1.36 million gallons per day while metered service accounts increased from 3,864 to 3,927. As a result of continued declines in usage and cost increases including wholesale water rates from Manchester Water Works, Derry's retail water rates increased from \$1.94 to \$2.04 per 100 cubic feet.

Improvements to the Scobie Pond Water Booster Station were completed in FY2005 providing domestic water and fire protection along By-Pass 28 and Eastgate Rd.

In our ongoing effort to improve meter reading efficiency and accuracy the Water Division has acquired a new Orion Radio Reading Technology. The Town will install



new transformers on each service meter as part of its meter change out program to allow for remote reading capability.

The Town replaced 500 feet of water line with new 12 inch ductile iron main on Crystal Avenue at Birch Street. 1,550 feet of new 12" water main was install along Ash Street Extension.

#### WASTEWATER DIVISION

Average annual wastewater discharge from municipal sewer customers averaged 1.58 million gallons per day, a 2% increase over last year. Municipal sewer accounts also increased from 2,907 in 2004 to 2,954 in 2005.

The design for the \$4 Million Effluent Force Main Improvements Project is completed and the project has been bid. Construction is expected in the fall of 2005 with an anticipated completion date of spring 2006.

The Town Council approved a \$1.18 Million sewer interceptor to the South Range School in Sunset Acres. Construction has begun on the 2,500 feet of sewer line with an anticipated completion date of fall 2005.

Respectfully,

*Michael A. Fowler*

Michael A. Fowler, P.E.  
Director of Public Works



## **Annual Report of Checklist Supervisors:**

**It was an eventful year for the Checklist Supervisors. We were saddened by the death of Jeannine Johnson who served as Chairman for more than 15 years. She was a faithful servant who made major contributions to the job of maintaining an accurate checklist for town. Ed Johnson, her husband, who also served for more than 10 years found it necessary to resign to care for her. During the interim Peter Correia and Mike Relf filled the vacancies and then were elected to the unexpired terms of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in the March 2005 election**

**We call it an eventful year because we were overwhelmed with some 2389 voters registering at the Presidential Election in November. At that election we saw 14, 869 residents vote. A group of extra assistance supervisors were added at that time in order to handle the long lines that lasted all day.**

**After the election we had the services of Roland Routhier and Brenda Willis to help enter in the registration data from the Presidential Election. With the approval of Russ Marcoux, the Town Administrator, Roland stayed with us until the Johnson vacancies were filled by the Town Moderator Margaret Ives. Roland's contribution was most appreciated and it saved the day.**

**During the year we prepared updated checklists for and were at the School District Meeting, the Annual Town Election, the East Derry Fire District Meeting, the September Primary, and the Presidential Election. With the consolidation of the Fire Departments we will no longer have to maintain a separate checklist for the Fire Districts. This will simplify our voter data entry procedure.**

**With the new state-wide database that is to be implemented in January 2006 there are many unknowns. This will mean a conversion of our existing database to the new one now being developed by the Secretary of State.**

**At the time of this report the cost to the town to implement the new database and other requirements of the "Help America Voting Act" (HAVA) is unknown. We foresee installation of DSL lines, two Lap computers, one for each Poll place and a re-structuring of set-up to have power to lap tops and extension cords that do not interfere with the voter traffic. We have been told that "budgets decisions are ultimately town choices."**

**In conclusion we wish to extend are thanks for the daily support we receive from the Town Clerk personnel and on several occasions from personnel from all departments in the Municipal Center.**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Mayland P. Lewis, Chairman  
Peter Correia  
Mike Relf**





## Tax Collector

The 2004 tax rate was set at \$25.19 per thousand for Derry property owners and \$27.35 for properties located within the East Derry Fire Precinct with the ratio of assessments to market value set at 81.1%.

A public auction was held on November 20, 2004 to dispose of nineteen parcels of Town-owned land. Of those, twelve closed by the end of FY05 producing revenue of \$281,200.00. Another public auction may be held in FY06 to dispose of properties that failed to close from the November auction and may include additional properties as voted by the Town Council.

Properties located at 46 Scenic Drive and 11 Hampshire Drive were taken by Tax Collector's Deed for nonpayment of Tax liens.

Customer service is important to our office and payment options include:

- After Hours drop off Box – located along the drive-through lane on the south side of the Municipal Center
- Drive-through services for payments of Town Utility and Real Estate Tax bills
- Payments to PO Box 405 Derry, NH 03038-0405
- Payment in person Monday through Friday 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Wednesdays 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

For additional information relating to the Tax Collector's Office, please visit our webpage available at [www.derry-nh.org](http://www.derry-nh.org).

The following MS-61 Report was prepared using amounts warranted, collected, all abatements approved by the Town Council and all previous year lien activity.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Milone**  
Tax Collector



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE TOWN OF DERRY, NH - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**

**Levy For Year of This Report**

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>DEBITS</b>			
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR*</b>			
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 5,709,673.00		\$ 4,780.46
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	20,600.00		0.00
YIELD TAXES	2,379.31		0.00
WATER	285,572.47		0.00
SEWER	310,383.10		0.00
SEWER BETTERMENT	34,023.98		0.00
WATER BETTERMENT	3,606.26		0.00
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>			
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 29,136,167.28	28,884,212.69	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	209,570.00	130,070.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	3,506.02	5,204.98	0.00
WATER	719,945.87	935,388.30	0.00
SEWER	744,776.85	875,734.17	0.00
SEWER BETTERMENT	62,793.95	68,106.05	0.00
WASTEWATER ACCESS FEE	0.00	0.00	0.00
WATER BETTERMENT	21,110.25	24,170.55	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>OVERPAYMENTS</b>			
REFUNDS DUE TO TAX ABATEMENTS	0.00	57,416.60	0.00
REFUNDS DUE TO OVERPAYMENTS	19.66	386,182.49	0.00
ADVANCE CUSTOMER PAYMENTS-TAX	0.00	135,965.79	0.00
ADVANCE CUSTOMER PAYTS-UTILITY	0.00	3,060.77	0.00
WATER REFUND	0.00	1,511.70	0.00
SEWER REFUND	0.00	367.63	0.00
SEWER REFUND DUE TO ABATEMENT	422.77	1,118.44	0.00
WATER REFUND DUE TO ABATEMENT	3,518.78	577.20	0.00
MISC DEBIT - ACTUAL TAX BILL ERRORS	0.00	26,035.99	0.00
INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAX	1.04	118,704.65	483.63
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 30,901,932.47</b>	<b>\$ 38,020,066.12</b>	<b>\$ 5,264.09</b>

\*This amount is the same as last year's ending balance.



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE TOWN OF DERRY, NH - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**

**Levy for Year of This Report**

2005	2004	2003
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**CREDITS**

**REMITTED TO TREASURER DURING FISCAL YEAR:**

PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 24,550,492.37	\$ 33,491,499.94	\$ 4,780.46
LAND USE CHANGE	119,700.00	137,070.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	3,506.02	7,566.09	0.00
WATER	530,511.16	1,105,379.16	0.00
SEWER	526,146.32	1,091,215.85	0.00
SEWER BETTERMENT	38,969.94	101,624.99	0.00
WATER BETTERMENT	17,615.26	27,776.81	0.00
INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAX	1.04	118,704.65	483.63
ADVANCE CUSTOMER PAYMENTS-TAX	19.66	522,148.28	0.00
ADVANCE CUSTOMER PAYMENTS-UTIL	0.00	4,940.10	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	100.00	0.00	0.00
CONVERSION TO LIEN	0.00	951,819.55	0.00

**ABATEMENTS MADE:**

PROPERTY TAXES	0.00	230,154.75	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	0.00	13,000.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	0.00	0.00	0.00
WATER	1,230.14	116,502.17	0.00
SEWER	2,131.21	95,689.21	0.00
SEWER BETTERMENT	111.11	492.33	0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	617.16	3,200.92	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00
MISC CREDIT - TAX BILL ERROR	44,387.93	19.34	0.00

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF PERIOD:**

PROPERTY TAXES	4,540,669.82	643.78	0.00
LAND USE CHANGE	89,870.00	600.00	0.00
YIELD TAXES	0.00	18.20	0.00
WATER	191,723.35	0.00	0.00
SEWER	216,922.09	0.00	0.00
SEWER BETTERMENT	23,712.90	0.00	0.00
WATER BETTERMENT	3,494.99	0.00	0.00
EXCAVATION TAX	0.00	0.00	0.00

**TOTAL CREDITS**

<b>\$ 30,901,932.47</b>	<b>\$ 38,020,066.12</b>	<b>\$ 5,264.09</b>
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**FOR THE TOWN OF DERRY, NH - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2005**

<b>DEBITS</b>	<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b>			
	<u><b>2004</b></u>	<u><b>2003</b></u>	<u><b>2002</b></u>	<u><b>2001 &amp; Previous</b></u>
UNREDEEMED LIENS				
BALANCE AT BEGINNING				
OF FISCAL YEAR		\$ 865,522.02	\$ 341,042.94	\$ 116,767.75
LIENS EXECUTED	\$ 951,819.55			
DURING FISCAL YEAR				
INTEREST & COSTS				
COLLECTED AFTER LIEN				
EXECUTION	3,022.65	65,942.63	73,464.01	13,035.01
OVERPAYMENTS	19,163.45	38,466.60		1,455.56
EXCESS DEBIT		6,200.00	1,940.88	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 974,005.65</b>	<b>\$ 976,131.25</b>	<b>\$ 416,447.83</b>	<b>\$ 131,258.32</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>				
REMITTANCE TO				
TREASURER	\$ 190,800.34	\$ 547,927.94	\$ 232,270.82	\$ 33,635.14
REDEMPTIONS				
INTEREST/COSTS AFTER				
LIEN EXECUTION	3,022.65	65,942.63	73,464.01	13,035.01
EXCESS CREDIT			36.99	
ABATEMENT OF				
UNREDEEMED TAXES	19,047.47	38,466.60		
LIENS DEEDED TO	1,346.94	7,704.13	6,999.83	11,173.88
MUNICIPALITIES				
UNREDEEMED LIENS				
BALANCE END OF PERIOD	759,788.25	316,089.95	103,676.18	73,414.29
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 974,005.65</b>	<b>\$ 976,131.25</b>	<b>\$ 416,447.83</b>	<b>\$ 131,258.32</b>

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Patricia Milone DATE August 30, 2005





## TAYLOR LIBRARY

### PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Once again this year we broke all records for attendance at our various programs for adults and children. Our Adult book Group continued to be active from September through May. We met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. In May we invited the author to join us for conversation and a chance to meet her and ask questions. We welcomed author Michelle Chalfoun on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She is the author of *Width of the Sea*.

Because of the numbers of children we serve throughout the year, we had to add another story hour session last fall. We now do 5 story hours per week with an average of twelve to fifteen children per class. We are looking to add another story hour this fall to accommodate the growing number of 2 and 3 year old children. .

The Polar Express once again was held in December. We made two trips to the North Pole with a visit from Santa Claus. We had to turn many children away once again because of our space constraints. We can only seat 14 children per night in the train. Because of this, we will have to have a lottery system this December for everyone that is interested in taking the ride. If the numbers continue to grow, we might have to run the train on 2 other nights in December.

We held our popular Holiday Readings for adults in December. Marge Palmer and Serena Levine once again presented the program to a full house. Refreshments were made by the staff and trustees of the library.

The Summer Reading Program broke all records for participants and books read. The children read 5,176 books for the summer. This was accomplished by 57 children. There were 125 children registered for their reading charts. Canobie Lake donated 2 all day passes to our children who read. Children who turned in a reading chart were eligible for the drawing. Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Raymond donated \$1,000.00 towards programming for the library. This money was most appreciated. Victory Super Market donated a gift certificate which we used to purchase our cake for the ending party. Dandilyons once again donated ice cream gift certificates to all of the children who read. We are grateful to all of these businesses for helping us out.

The Derry Friends of the Libraries continue to help support our programs at the Taylor Library. They donated money to buy our MET Pass and our Museum of Fine Arts Pass. They also gave us money so we could have Judy Pancoast at our Summer Reading mid summer concert. Thank you for all of the hard work you do for both libraries. Once again if you have books that you want to donate, please drop them off at our library or the Derry Public Library for the Friends monthly book sales. Both Libraries benefit from these sales.



## **BUILDING UPDATE**

We continue to fund raise for the future expansion of the Taylor Library. Our Basket Fundraiser last November was very successful. We continue our Water Jug Fund at the library. The children love to come in and drop their change into the jug. They feel important when they do this. We continue to raffle off the Pillsbury Painting which is on display at the library.

We have applied for many grants throughout the year. We are just waiting for notification on several that are very promising.

## **OTHER**

We have had two very productive meetings with the Boards of Trustees from the Derry Public Library and the Taylor Library as well as with our Town Administrator and Councilors as to the future of the two libraries in town. The two libraries continue to collaborate on various activities and services which benefit the Town of Derry. We continue to jointly sponsor programming in the summer along with the Parks and Recreation Department. We share resources between the two libraries (historical materials that are housed at Taylor). Derry Public Library continues to be our pickup spot for Interlibrary Loans. We now get that service four times a week. We continue to use the State Data Base for the Interlibrary Loan Service which Derry Public is a member of as well as their GMILCS System. We are looking to join the GMILCS System in the future. We will continue to meet as a group to make the services of both libraries the best it can be for the whole town.

On behalf of the Trustees at the Taylor Library and the staff, I would like to personally invite you to visit our "Little Library" on the hill to see what we have to offer. You will certainly be surprised at what we do here

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Merrill*  
Director



## TOWN CLERK REPORT

This fiscal year was extremely busy. Of course, automobile registrations with over 39300 permits issued, is the largest procedure for this office. The Presidential Election was the next largest project, then certified birth, marriage and death abstracts, marriage licenses, dog licenses, dredge and fill applications, articles of agreements, and registering voters, along with ordinary office duties take up the work days. FULL REVENUE REPORT FOLLOWS.

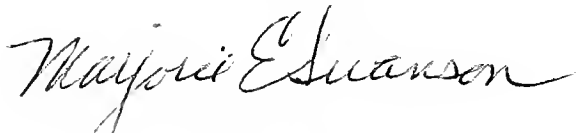
Registering vehicles through the mail is still disappointing. Approximately 40% of notices sent out are returned by mail, the rest show up waiting in line at the end of the month. WHY?

In September 2004, we re-implemented E-REG for the citizens of Derry convenience. Anyone who has a vehicle registered in Derry may go to the town website--[WWW.DERRY.NH.US](http://WWW.DERRY.NH.US), follow the directions, and we will send your registrations(s) and decals to you usually within 3-5 business days. Please don't wait too late in the month, the whole process does take time. Thank you.

If you are new to Derry, please register to vote early. Bring to this office your drivers license, birth certificate and proof of your Derry address. Election day will run much smoother and faster if everyone is prepared.

Thanks again to mv clerks Nancy and Debbie, and some of you may recognize Lorene Pirello from Public Works who transferred in June.

Just a reminder, use the mail to renew registrations, try E-REG, license your dogs by April 30th, register to vote early, and have a great year !!



Marjorie E. Swanson  
Town Clerk



TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

REVENUES COLLECTED

JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS - 39,310 .....	4,708,131.00
RECLAMATION FEES .....	111,681.00
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FEE .....	185,400.00
TITLES .....	19,458.00
STATE DECAL FEES - 34,786.....	86,965.00
DOG LICENSES - 2467.....	TOWN 10,384.50
	STATE 5,823.50
DOG FINES & KENNEL FEES .....	4,686.00
RETURNED CHECK FINES .....	3,900.00
UCC RECORDINGS .....	8,573.37
MARRIAGE LICENSES - 271 .....	TOWN 1,897.00
	STATE 10,298.00
VITALS-Birth, Death Certificates .....	TOWN 13,715.00
	STATE 25,601.00
MISC. FEES .....	810.66

RESIDENT VITALS RECORDED

2004

BIRTHS .....368

MARRIAGES .....266

DEATHS.....157





**2005  
TOWN OF DERRY  
ELECTION WARRANT**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

Voters in Districts 1 and 4 are hereby notified to meet at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, Voters in Districts 2 and 3 are hereby notified to meet at the West Running Brook School, in said Town on Tuesday, the Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2005 at Seven o'clock in the forenoon (the polls will be open between the hours of seven a.m. and eight p.m.) to act upon the following matters:

To cast your votes for One Councilor District 3 (3 yr. Term); One Councilor-at-Large (3 yr. Term); Three Derry Public Library Trustees (3 yr. Terms); Two Taylor Library Trustees (3 yr. Terms); One Trustee of Trust Funds (3 yr. Term); One Supervisor of the Checklist (1 yr Term); One Supervisor of the Checklist (3 yr Term)

To act upon the following Article:

"Shall the municipality approve the Charter Amendment reprinted (summarized) below:

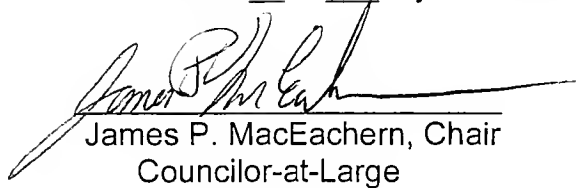
That Section 4.2 (C) of the Derry Town Charter shall be amended to read as follows:

"Conservation Commission: There shall be a Conservation Commission whose powers and duties are provided by State Law. The Commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Town Council for terms of 3 years, except that initial terms shall be staggered so that two members shall expire the first year, two members in the second year and **three members** in the third year. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Four (4) alternate members shall be appointed in a like manner, except that **the terms of** no more than two alternate members shall expire in a single year.

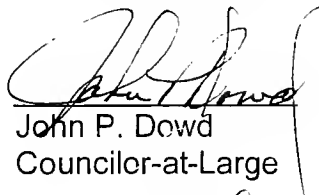
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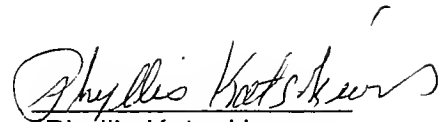


Given under our hands and seal this   1st   day of February, 2005.

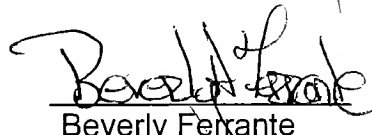
  
James P. MacEachern, Chair  
Councilor-at-Large


  
Paul Hopfgarten  
Councilor-at-Large

  
John P. Dowd  
Councilor-at-Large

  
Phyllis Katsakiores  
Councilor District #1

  
R. Christopher Reisdorf  
Councilor District #2

  
Beverly Ferrante  
Councilor District #3

  
Brian Chirichiello  
Councilor District #4





**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL ELECTION**  
**DISTRICT 3-4-1-2**  
**DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 8, 2005**

TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**

- A. TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s), like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be voted for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the blank line provided and completely fill in the oval.

**COUNCILOR DISTICT THREE**

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

BEVERLY ANN FERRANTE 226 ☒"BOB" L. MARQUIS 136 ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**COUNCILOR AT LARGE**

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

CRAIG W. BULKLEY 748 ☒KEVIN L. COYLE 722 ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**

One Year Vote for not more than ONE

MICHAEL A. RELF 1038 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

PETER J. CORREIA 658 ☒JOHN P. GLEASON 508 ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**TRUSTEE OF DERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Three Years Vote for not more than THREE

PAUL H. LOFFLER 825 ☒T. J. PATON 756 ☒MARILYN L. SULLIVAN 940 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**TRUSTEE OF TAYLOR LIBRARY**

Three Years Vote for not more than TWO

EDWARD L. CIANCIO 526 ☒TATE COOPER CONLON 427 ☐BETSY D. WOLFE 971 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐(WRITE-IN) ☐**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

Three Years Vote for not more than ONE

MARIO IANNACCONI 969 ☒(WRITE-IN) ☐**TOWN ARTICLES**

To act upon the following Article:

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(The effect of this amendment is intended to clarify the existing Charter Provision regarding staggered terms for the 7 member Conservation Commission as provided at RSA 36-A:3)

1210

YES ☒

209

NO ☐**TURN BALLOT OVER AND VOTE BOTH SIDES**

SAMPLE BALLOT



# FOR SCHOOL BOARD AT LARGE

Three Years      Vote for Not More Than TWO

BETTE L. CLEVELAND 302 ☐

MATTHEW HANNA 843 ☒

JOHN C. MURPHY 486 ☐

GRACE REISDORF 754 ☒

(WRITE-IN) ☐

(WRITE-IN) ☐

DIST. 1 - 302

DIST. 2 - 628

DIST. 3 - 392

DIST. 4 - 256

PLUS 1 UNCOUNTED BY ACCUVOTE  
BALLOT

1579 TOTAL

## WARRANT ARTICLES

1. Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Sixty-eight Million, One Hundred Sixty-four Thousand, Seventy-four Dollars and Seventy-nine Cents (\$68,164,074.79)? Should this article be defeated, the 2005-2006 operating budget shall be Sixty-seven Million, One Hundred Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-four Dollars and Seventy-five Cents, (\$67,109,324.75), which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X, and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. **(RECOMMENDED BY THE DERRY SCHOOL BOARD)**

811 YES ☒

693 NO ☐

2. Shall the School District approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Derry School Board and the Derry Education Assistants, AFSCME Council No. 93, Local 1801, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2005-2006	\$121,933.39
2006-2007	\$144,646.08
2007-2008	\$164,682.97

and further raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-one Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-three Dollars and Thirty-nine cents (\$121,933.39) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year? **(RECOMMENDED BY THE DERRY SCHOOL BOARD)**

898 YES ☒

610 NO ☐

3. Shall the School District, if Article 2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option to address Article 2 cost items only? **(RECOMMENDED BY THE DERRY SCHOOL BOARD)**

948 YES ☒

548 NO ☐

4. Shall the District authorize the School Board to sell or convey surplus District real estate including, but not limited to, the Charles M. Floyd School, on such terms and conditions as the School Board determine are in the best interest of the District provided that before any sale or conveyance the School Board must first hold a public hearing on the proposed sale or conveyance? **(RECOMMENDED BY THE DERRY SCHOOL BOARD)**

1139 YES ☒

367 NO ☐

5. Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the improvement, replacement and repair of the septic system and leach field at South Range Elementary School? **(RECOMMENDED BY THE DERRY SCHOOL BOARD)**

1212 YES ☒

306 NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING





RECOUNT

COUNCILOR AT LARGE

MARCH 8, 2005--TOWN ELECTION

On March 11, 2005, candidate for Councillor at Large, Kevin Coyle, requested a recount in writing, and paid the prescribed fee.

The recount was set for March 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the Municipal Center. Candidates Bulkley and Coyle were notified by certified mail. Both declined to be present.

All members of the Town Council and the Town Moderator were requested to be present.

The Ballots were delivered to the meeting room at 10:00 AM.

Present were Town Clerk Marjorie F. Swanson, Town Moderator Margaret Ives, Council Chair James MacEachern, and Councillors Phyllis Katsakiores, Beverly Ferrante, Jack Dowd, and Paul Hopfgarten, and a Derry News representative.

The ballot boxes were unsealed and divided among those present. Ballots were placed in three piles, one for each candidate and one for no-votes. They were then counted and totaled. A second count was then done of each candidates pile by a different counter. The end result was the same count as election night..748 for Candidate Bulklev and 722 for Candidate Coyle.

I presented the results to Council Chair MacEachern, and he declared Craig Bulkley the winner.

The Ballots were replaced in their respective district boxes and re-sealed.

The recount session was closed at approximately 12 noon.

Respecfully submitted,

Marjorie F. Swanson  
Town Clerk



TOWN OF DERRY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2005

<b>Beginning Balance, July 1, 2004</b>		<b>\$ 45,665,917.75</b>
<b>Revenue Receipts:</b>		
Received from Tax Collector	\$ 68,962,345.79	
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 5,200,517.13	
Received from Finance Department	\$ -	
Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 812,622.97	
Received from State/County	\$ 2,872,292.60	
Received from Federal Funds	\$ 726.12	
<b>Total Revenue Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 77,848,504.61</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>		
Received from Capital Projects/Other Funds	\$ -	
Grants	\$ -	
Trust Funds	\$ 1,128,782.00	
BAN/BOND	\$ -	
Capital Lease	\$ -	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 1,128,782.00</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Council Orders to Pay	\$ 76,722,414.67	
Voided Checks	\$ (268,040.10)	
NSF Checks	\$ 6,726.76	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$ 76,461,101.33</b>
<b>Ending Balance, June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$ 48,182,103.03</b>

*Rita M Correia*  
Treasurer



TOWN OF DERRY  
ESCROW AND OTHER FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2005

ESCROW ACCOUNTS						
DATE		BALANCE			INTEREST	BALANCE
ESTABLISHED	NAME	7/1/04	DEPOSITS	RELEASES	INCOME	6/30/05
11/15/01	ETTLINGEN HOMES	\$ 2,048.78	\$ -	\$ 2,084.63	\$ 35.85	\$ 0.00
1/3/03	STEPHEN GILE	\$ 1,858.90	\$ -	\$ 1,860.66	\$ 1.76	\$ 0.00
1/7/00	GREATER DERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST	\$ 31,666.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 554.07	\$ 32,220.61
5/2/03	JAMES COLLINS INC	\$ 22,915.31	\$ -	\$ 22,915.31	\$ -	\$ -
12/20/02	M & S LP	\$ 11,230.95	\$ -	\$ 11,249.31	\$ 18.36	\$ 0.00
9/6/02	DAVID RINES	\$ 4,241.46	\$ -	\$ 4,253.82	\$ 12.36	\$ 0.00
1/3/03	SPORTS REAL LLC	\$ 10,232.99	\$ -	\$ 10,238.30	\$ 5.31	\$ 0.00
7/19/99	ZEKE PROPERTIES	\$ 3,758.61	\$ -	\$ 3,760.36	\$ 1.75	\$ -
5/3/04	17 SOUTH AVE LLC	\$ 41,925.15	\$ -	\$ 28,404.00	\$ 429.63	\$ 13,950.78
7/16/04	6B STREET REALTY TRUST	\$ 19,392.40	\$ -	\$ 19,403.08	\$ 10.68	\$ (0.00)
2/12/04	DCD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 15,509.32	\$ -	\$ 15,575.76	\$ 66.44	\$ (0.00)
2/12/04	DAVID DELPOZZO	\$ 7,146.68	\$ -	\$ 7,190.45	\$ 43.77	\$ 0.00
6/15/04	GREATER DERRY CHURCH OF CHRIST	\$ 41,538.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 727.32	\$ 42,295.55
8/22/03	JERIC REALTY TRUST	\$ 194,798.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,618.37	\$ 196,416.47
8/6/03	PATRIOT CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,735.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42.58	\$ 7,777.85
5/31/05	ALLEN MOTORS INC	\$ -	\$ 11,534.40	\$ -	\$ 16.45	\$ 11,550.85
1/31/05	17 SOUTH AVE LLC	\$ -	\$ 2,670.00	\$ -	\$ 16.87	\$ 2,686.87
7/9/04	DERRY PRESERVATION INITIATE INC	\$ -	\$ 3,240.00	\$ -	\$ 55.47	\$ 3,295.47
2/14/05	EVCO CORP	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 3.15	\$ 503.15
6/29/05	RICHARD GUAY	\$ -	\$ 11,768.00	\$ -	\$ 1.08	\$ 11,769.08
1/31/05	HALCHAK CORP	\$ -	\$ 3,378.67	\$ -	\$ 21.36	\$ 3,400.03
9/20/04	IRVING CORP	\$ -	\$ 376,000.00	\$ 249,954.27	\$ 3,137.32	\$ 129,183.05
9/13/04	JVL	\$ -	\$ 324,455.35	\$ 324,721.27	\$ 265.92	\$ (0.00)
9/13/04	NATURAL ENERGY	\$ -	\$ 1,631.66	\$ -	\$ 22.82	\$ 1,654.48
10/4/04	PINKERTON HILLS	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,004.97	\$ 4.97	\$ 0.00
12/6/04	T J BEACON	\$ -	\$ 16,840.00	\$ -	\$ 162.26	\$ 17,002.26
4/4/05	TIPSY PIPER INC	\$ -	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 2.60	\$ 652.60
4/4/05	V & W INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	\$ -	\$ 50,202.50	\$ -	\$ 201.06	\$ 50,403.56
6/6/05	MARK T YOUNG	\$ -	\$ 11,355.55	\$ -	\$ 14.64	\$ 11,370.19
		\$ 416,028.69	\$ 817,226.13	\$ 704,616.19	\$ 7,494.22	\$ 536,132.85
OTHER FUNDS						
		BALANCE			INTEREST	BALANCE
		7/1/04	DEPOSITS	PAYMENTS	INCOME	6/30/05
6/15/04	RETAINAGE	\$ 12,300.47	\$ 22,815.71	\$ 16,920.92	\$ 412.20	\$ 18,607.46
	WASTWATER ACCESSABILITY FEES	\$ 732,841.75	\$ 155,605.78	\$ 769,863.91	\$ 17,551.70	\$ 136,135.32
	Grants LLEBG 02	\$ 9,446.94	\$ -	\$ 9,598.97	\$ 152.03	\$ 0.00
	Grants LLEBG 03	\$ 7,747.95	\$ -	\$ 7,872.64	\$ 124.69	\$ (0.00)



## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is made up of 5 regular members and 5 alternates. The Zoning Board hears and decides appeals and administers special provisions in the Zoning Ordinance including those that deal with Variances, Special Exceptions, and Equitable Waivers. In each case, the Zoning Board attempts to balance the rights of the individual, and the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

The Zoning Board holds their regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month @ 7:00 PM. The meetings are conducted in the Municipal Center @ 14 Manning Street.

### Statistical Information for FY 2005:

Variances .....	16 granted – 4 denied
Exceptions.....	13 granted – 2 denied
Motions for Rehearing.....	3 granted - 3 denied
Special Exceptions.....	1 denied
Equitable Waiver.....	2 granted
Administrative Appeals.....	1 denied

The following is a list of the current members of the Zoning Board: Mark Wiseman, Chairman; Matt Campanella, Vice Chairman; Cecile Cormier, Secretary; Allan Virr and Andrew Myers. Alternate members include Nancy Barbour, Randall Chase, Michael Demeo, Laura Quinn and Christopher Lunetta.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the Zoning Board, who take the time to serve the community on a volunteer basis. I would also like to thank our Recording Secretary, Ginny Rioux and the staff of the Code Enforcement Office, Gloria Hebert, Bob Mackey and Fred Kelley, for their continued administrative support and assistance at meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wiseman, Chair  
Zoning Board of Adjustment

